

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/616,477

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 11/15/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-15,17-26 and 28-53, renumbered as claims 1-50, respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)           |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher Bernard on 12 January 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

- In claim 1, line 13, "test" has been changed to --test port--.
- In claim 3, lines 2-3, "system a port card" has been changed to --system includes a port card--.
- Claim 16 has been canceled.
- In claim 17, line 5, "attachment; and" has been changed to --attachment.--.
- In claim 17, lines 6-13 have been canceled.
- In claim 29, line 4, "of multicasting" has been changed to --multicasts--.
- In claim 31, lines 4-5, "capable of being connected" has been changed to --connected--.
- In claim 31, line 8, "capable of being programmed" has been changed to --programmed--.
- In claim 31, line 13, "capable of transmitting" has been changed to --transmits--.
- In claim 35, line 3, "capable of being coupled" has been changed to --coupled--.

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- In claim 35, lines 7-8, “capable of being programmed” has been changed to --programmed--.
- In claim 35, lines 12-13, “with minimal modification and no” has been changed to --with no--.
- In claim 38, line 1, “sendmg” has been changed to --sending--.
- In claim 45, line 2, “capable of being connected” has been changed to --connected--.
- In claim 45, line 3, “capable of being programmed” has been changed to --programmed--.
- In claim 48, line 3, “is capable of multicasting” has been changed to --multicasts--.
- In claim 49, lines 4-5, “for multicasting” has been changed to --multicasts--.
- In claim 51, lines 2-3, “capable of being connected” has been changed to --connected--.
- In claim 51, line 6, “capable of being programmed” has been changed to --programmed--.
- In claim 51, line 7, “test” has been changed to --test port--.
- In claim 51, line 10, “data” has been changed to --data transfer--.
- In claim 52, line 8, “test” has been changed to --test port--.
- In claim 52, line 11, “data” has been changed to --data transfer--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel J. Ryman whose telephone number is (571)272-3152. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 7:00-4:30 with every other Friday off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on (571)272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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